

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Agriculture is the basic industry in South Dakota, providing the markets and the raw material for almost the entire economy of the State; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota can prosper only as the agricultural industry has the purchasing power to absorb the goods and services needed and markets and transportation to handle the produce raised; and,

WHEREAS, Farmer-owned cooperatives are a basic part of our American private enterprise system which help individual farmers retain their identity and strength; and,

WHEREAS, Cooperatives have made a substantial contribution to the development of a progressive agricultural economy in South Dakota, providing the means by which farmers can increase their bargaining power and achieve economic recognition in the market place; and,

WHEREAS, Cooperatives have not only benefited the agricultural industry but the general public as well--by placing priority on people, making them a vigorous part of the American business system:


NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 1987, as

#### COOPERATIVE MONTH

in South Dakota, and urge an understanding and recognition of the achievements and services of cooperatives in our State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Second Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

  
GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

  
ROY E. HARTMAN, SECRETARY OF STATE